

## Tremont Street Zoning Issue Resolved

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The problem of rezoning three homes on Tremont Street has finally been resolved thanks to an anonymous donor and the Wildlands Trust.

The zoning issue had been a hot topic at the last two town meetings. Residents of 84, 90, and 96 Tremont Street had asked the town to rezone their properties.

One of the residents, Sandy White, wanted the properties to be rezoned for commercial use otherwise she said no one would buy them and pay to upgrade the plumbing, heating and electrical systems.

White said if the properties were rezoned into businesses then the homes could be bought and converted into offices.

At this year's past town meeting the board voted 86 in favor to 328 against the rezoning petition. The reasons for the defeat stemmed largely around the issue that these homes were at the Exit 10 entrance to Duxbury and the board wanted to preserve the character of the town.

Recently an anonymous donor gave money that will be used to pay the property owners to preserve their homes,

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thus preserving the entrance into Duxbury.

The three houses are now protected by a restrictive covenant attached to the deeds, which precludes commercial use or gross expansion of the houses. The houses can never be bought and torn down to build a bigger house either.

"This is win-win-win," said Mark Primack, executive director of the Wildlands Trust.